



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 31 May 2020

PENTECOST



Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome

Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude

Veni creator spiritus en taille à 5 – Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Come creator spirit and fill our souls with your heavenly grace.

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7.38

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayers and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Reader: Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 104:26-36

sung by Cantor

Dom Gregory Murray

RESPONSE



Send forth your spi - rit, O Lord, and re new the face of the earth.

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season. **Response**
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust. **Response**
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord. **Response**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Cantor

(O'Farrell / Wrench)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, ‘This is really the prophet.’ Others said, ‘This is the Messiah.’ But some asked, ‘Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?’ So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, ‘Why did you not arrest him?’ The police answered, ‘Never has anyone spoken like this!’ Then the Pharisees replied, ‘Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.’ Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ‘Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?’ They replied, ‘Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Organ Acclamation

Veni creator spiritus

The Sermon

Fr. Michael

Musical Reflection (Org/Vocal)

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens
– Johann Phillip Kirnberger (1721-1783)

*Come, o come, thou quickening Spirit, God from all eternity!
May thy power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

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The spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Helen Clarke

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will empower us for the daunting tasks of engaging our world at this time. Like the violent wind that filled the house on the first Pentecost day, invade our awareness and fill us with boldness and power.

As stewards of the fruitful earth, give us steadfast wills to use your bounty well, so that the whole human family today, and generations to come, may give thanks for the riches of your creation.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, have mercy on a world where there is often speech without communication, relationships without love, and where people are separated by barriers of race and nationality. We pray for all the peoples of the world, for those lives are affected by war, oppression, disaster and disease. Empower our leaders with talents and discernment to seek the common good and help them to bring peace and justice to all nations. Send your Holy Spirit to show all men and women their true needs and teach them to live together without fear.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

By your Spirit you inspired your disciples to proclaim your gospel: we pray for your Church, for its clergy and people, for who all worship in this place. Bring a time when all Christians work together and when partisan bickering is set aside. Bring a time when your Church is excited, and on fire, and serves the God of the Pentecost experience.

On the birthday of the Church, we pray for our Diocese, our Archbishop, Bishops, and in our Parish for all who lead us in worship.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the communities in which we live, for our families and friends, for those who are weak and vulnerable in our society, and for the homeless and unemployed. Grant us right judgement in our families, in our friendships and in our work.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who are weak, ill, distressed, the broken hearted, those unable to cope on their own and for those in any manner of trouble. Uphold their faith that

they may trust and not be afraid, and give them the comfort and strength of your presence. Silently, in our hearts, we remember those in need who are known to us.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We remember the faithful departed who through the several gifts of the Holy Spirit have guided us and enriched our lives, and who now rejoice in the perfect knowledge and unclouded vision of your nearer presence.

May we, who know and worship you imperfectly in our lives, come at last into that same eternal light.

*Holy Spirit come and, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, bring us anew your Pentecost fire and fill us with boldness and power. Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting wherever you may be; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 667– J.S.Bach

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost,
and visit the hearts of all people;
Fill them with your grace.*

MUSIC LINKS:

Anthems:

TALLIS Dum complerentur dies pentecostes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf2VxfrqgPo>

Hymn:

Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQI-Lnx_7-Q

Come down, O love divine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXO4rqBQOAU>

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